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Mr. Emile Romney, Architecte Urbaniste, who serves as an external examiner for the Caribbean School of Architecture (CSA), Faculty of The Built Environment shares a handshake with Professor Colin Gyles, CD (2nd right) during a courtesy call on May 16, 2023, in the President's Conference Room, Papine Campus. Sharing in the occasion is Arch. Jacquiann Lawton, Head of School, CSA and Emeritus Professor William L. Tilson, College of Design, Construction & Planning, University of Florida who serves the CSA as an external examiner.

Caribbean School of Architecture (CSA) External Examiners, Professor William L. Tilson, Emeritus of the College of Design, Construction and Planning, University of Florida, and Architect and Urbanist Emile Romney, BL'AK Architecture, Guadeloupe, paid a courtesy call on Acting President, UTech, Jamaica, Professor Colin Gyles, CD on May 16, 2023, as part of their visit and tour of the Papine Campus and CSA facilities at the Faculty of the Built Environment.

Professor Gyles in welcoming the external examiners recognized the support the architectural community in Guadeloupe has provided, acknowledging that “there have been conversations and collaborations,” in both architecture and in sport. He further noted that the work of UTech, Jamaica's architectural students have been featured in museums and exhibitions in Guadeloupe. Prof. Gyles invited continuing interaction with the visiting examiners, beyond their period of service.

Prof. Tilson agreed that the University of Florida was working on those discussions, and shared that the College of Design, Construction & Planning had “a longstanding connection” with UTech, Jamaica and was very much involved with the university, going back to the 1980s and the establishment of the School of Architecture.

Arch. Lawton also noted that it was documented in UTech, Jamaica’s autobiography ‘*The Making of A University*’ how “instrumental” Edward Crain (Professor Emeritus, School of Architecture, University of Florida,) had been in the establishment of the research department in the School of Architecture and its inception at the then-named College of Arts, Science & Technology (CAST).

Among the recommendations from the external examiners report to the CSA, is increased technical support for online classes in the form of web content management and data archival. The report also commended the architecture programme's study tour as one of its strengths.

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